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The Great Necessity

There is a wondrous city, beautiful, bright, and fair;
The throne of God is in it and the glory of God is there.
And oh, the joy of knowing, as the Lord's redeemed can know,
While through the tribulation of this earthly life they go,

There shall be no more toiling; there shall be no more care;
There shall be no more burdens, grievous and hard to bear;
There shall be no more crying, hunger, or thirst, or fears;
There shall be no more heartache, through the eternal years!

And in that wondrous city there shall be no more night;
Forever and forever the Lamb shall be its light;
And oh, the joy of knowing, as the Lord's redeemed can know,
While through the dark and dangers of this earthly life they go,

There shall be no more trouble; there shall be no more wrong;
There shall be no more sighing, stilling the glory-song;
There shall be no more sorrow, for God shall dry all tears;
There shall be no more sinning, through the eternal years!

Blessed are they who love Him and they who keep His Word;
They shall enter into the city and dwell in the house of the Lord;
And oh, the joy of knowing, as the Lord's redeemed can know,
While often sad and lonely, through this earthly life they go,

There shall be no more sickness; there shall be no more pain;
There shall be no more parting, loved from the loved again;
There shall be no more weeping, kneeling beside earth's biers;
There shall be no more dying, through the eternal years!

—Annie Johnson Flint.

PROPHETIC AND FULFILLMENT

Pastor E. W. Storie

(Joel 2:28-32)

"And it shall come to pass afterwards, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call."

"And it shall come to pass afterwards." This afterwards is interpreted by Peter on the Day of Pentecost and embraces the whole grace dispensation. We must not overlook the fact that it is Jehovah Himself that is speaking through the prophet to us, for he says, "I will pour out of My Spirit." It was not just Peter that was speaking on the Day of Pentecost. It was Jehovah Himself that was pouring out of His Spirit and fulfilling that which he had spoken through the Prophet Joel. God was in Jesus reconciling the world unto Himself. But now the Holy Spirit is the same Jesus because he was the same Jehovah that was in him during his earthly ministry. Jesus said he would send the Promise of the Father, referring to these very scriptures for Peter says, "This is That".

God is the giver of gifts to his people and he gave gifts to the Church. Eph. 10:12, "He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens that he might fill all things. And he gave some apostles and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." But that is not all he gave. He gave himself for our sins. Then He gave the Holy Spirit for the edifying of

the individual believers and enduement of power from on high to witness after the Holy Ghost is come upon us. And he gave gifts of healing, etc. also for the work of the ministry in the church which is also for the edifying of the Church which is the body of Christ.

Many will say that was just to the Jews and the Day of Pentecost but again we have the Word of Jehovah himself telling us He would pour out of my Spirit "Upon all flesh", the white, black, brown, red, and the yellow, for with God is no respect of persons. Peter said, It was for all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our

New Testament authority for it. This is not forth-telling or professing gifts above the ministry but let the others judge says the Apostle Paul. It belongs to the out-pouring of the Spirit which Peter was preaching at Pentecost. Lest we should not get the significance of this operation of the Holy Spirit in this dispensation, "your old men shall dream dreams". See the old men are not left out. It was for the whole family of God. There still might be confusion or misunderstanding and this message is very important because this experience is for every child of God, therefore God uses all the different phases of household relationship to express the importance of this great subject. "Your young men shall see visions." This was not uncommon to men of God. Jacob, Joseph, Ezekiel, Daniel all were men to whom God had revealed his will through visions.

But still there is more belonging to the household who might be left out. The Lord did not mention them by their position in the house and he says, "and upon the servants and the handmaids will I pour out My Spirit." Slaves, kitchen help, field and factory workers, all are included. Just like Cornelius and all his house they were there before God to hear the words which God gave to Peter to speak. No one was left out. Did not the prophet say that "it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered"? Is that not the very meaning of eternal life? Saved-delivered-made safe-sealed by the Spirit unto the day of redemption.

This is a great message, "Be filled with the Spirit". It is the dispensation of dispensations and has so far surpassed all other dispensations because of the redemption which is now in Christ Jesus, now revealed by His Holy Spirit. The Gift of God is Eternal Life. Not will be but now is Eternal life and now sealed unto the day of redemption. The operation of the Holy Ghost living, working and

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God shall call. Jesus, himself said "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Peter said, "of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." You will plainly see that it carries the same thought that the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit is for every creature that will believe the gospel. This truth is further revealed in that "your sons and daughters shall prophesy". This would be out of order among the Elders of Israel as well as among all Eastern nations for all young people were to keep quiet and especially young women, and old women too were to keep silent. But we have a new order where they can speak under inspiration of the Holy Spirit and again we have

Field Reports



SOURIS GOSPEL TABERNACLE

It was with our trust and confidence in God alone that we earnestly began work on the basement of the tabernacle with a view to having it ready for church services as well as living accommodation by the 14th of September. Although all work was far from being completed yet our main mission was accomplished by that date and we began a series of meetings with Evangelist R. Larden as the special speaker. Everyone that heard Rev. Larden enjoyed his straightforward gospel messages and he certainly will find a welcome at Souris whenever an opportunity to return presents itself. Brother Larden was with us for three weeks and the services did bear fruit to the honor and glory of God.

On the 19th of October Brother and Sister Albert Bonk of the Hebrew Evangelization Society made us acquainted with their work among the Jews. Their short visit was indeed profitable to all as it was made clear how that so many really do not understand the blindness of these people.

Brother Abraham Kudra started services in the Souris Gospel Tabernacle on the 26th of October. After one week of meetings he was called home to Victoria, B.C. due to the death of his father. During the three weeks Brother Kudra was absent the services were carried on with the help of other ministers and members of their assemblies. Rev. and Mrs. Burrows from the P. A. O. G. church at Oak Lake came over for two services; Dr. C. K. S. Moffat of Brandon was with us for one meeting; then Sister Steeves, missionary on furlough from India, was here for one night and we were pleased to have her for that service. Brother Kudra returned for the 23rd and for one week ministered to us in music, song, and word. During that week, and especially on the closing night of

the campaign, there were several new faces seen in the church for which we were truly thankful. The ministry of Rev. Kudra was enjoyed by those who heard him and he no doubt will be back this way again. Since that time Brother Albert Roberts, outgoing missionary to Africa, has had one service here and it too proved a blessing to those who came to hear. We have appreciated everyone that has been in our midst and may God richly bless them as they continue to serve.

The work in Souris still has a long ways to go before it is what we feel it should be in a town of this size but we can only keep our eyes on Him who is the author and finisher of our faith.

KIPLING, SASK.

"God mightily confirms His word as Evangelist Abraham Kudra proclaims it!"

We have just concluded a two-week Revival Campaign with Evangelist A. Kudra. The Lord's presence was mightily manifested from night to night, and confirmed His Word with signs following. The highlight in each service was the Word of God, which was preached with force and conviction. New people were reached during this campaign and hearts were stirred. We praise the Lord for what we saw accomplished in this Revival.

We enjoyed capacity crowds most of the nights, some totalling around 175 people. Great interest was shown as the Gospel went forth in Word, song, and music. Each night Brother Kudra rendered unique instrumentals on his Piano Accordion and on his electric Steel Guitar which were enjoyed by all. His singing added greatly to the blessing of the meetings as he sang and played his Spanish electric Guitar. Our grand Singspiration Rallies every Sunday afternoon were enjoyed by all those

present. One full hour of music, specials and choruses brought many from outlying districts.

Four souls were definitely saved and received Christ as their Saviour. Most of these are now seeking the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. A number of others showed great interest and inquired about their souls salvation. Eternity only will reveal the blessed results of this campaign. One young man travelled some 250 miles to Kipling to receive salvation for his soul. After Brother Kudra dealt with him, he wrote a splendid testimony as to the joy of receiving Christ as his own personal Saviour. Here is an excerpt from his testimony, "I am so thankfull that the Lord Jesus Christ has come into my heart. I now feel that by having the Lord Jesus Christ in my heart that I can strengthen myself in living a Christ-like life. My desire is to read the Bible so I can be built up and to lead others to Christ."

One young lady received a wonderful infilling of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4 which created a great hunger in the hearts of others to seek after this blessed experience. This is her testimony: "I am so thankful that the Lord has saved me and taken me out of the things of the world that end in destruction. My chiefest desire is to go on with the Lord. My desire was to be filled with the power of God according to Acts 2:4. After seeking the blessed power of God in this revival campaign, the Lord filled me with His Blessed Holy Spirit. This experience has brought me so much closer to the Lord. I want to thank Him for His wonderful goodness to me. Psa. 107:8." Signed, Sister Goldie Nyuli.

Our prayer is, that God will bless our esteemed Brother and send him back into our midst again. We highly commend Brother Kudra to every church holding up the Blood-stained Banner.

Pastor A. Botha

CARLYLE, SASK.

"We then as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." (2 Cor. 6:1) Brethren it not only makes me feel humble to be considered a worker with Him but it thrills me, it encourages me and it causes me to face the un-

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THE MISSIONARY PAGE

THE NIGHT COMETH

Dear Co-workers:

Evening in India! "Just the same as evening anywhere in the world," —you may say? No. It isn't the same as where you likely are because here evening is the same time each day. Here, just within about seven degrees of the equator we have almost equal daylight and dark the year around. That means evening each day is almost the same time. Besides that the close proximity of the equator means a very rapid sunset; in other words the intervening period between light and darkness is very short. So often that is a reminder to us that the scripture says for us to "work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work." It is evening in India! The night of closed opportunity will soon be upon us. The day of salvation is drawing to a close.

Evening! Sunset! It is wonderful to behold the blending blushing beauty of the setting sun! One stands amazed at the gorgeous array of the sun's splendor. As one color fades and another arises it seems almost like a preview of the opening moments of tomorrow. To those of us who know the Lord the glories of Heaven breaking upon our soul in these closing moments of the day of Salvation are truly a foretaste of what the opening moments will be when we wake in the "tomorrow" that God has prepared for the redeemed. Since the blessing of today transcends human imagination and leaves us at a loss for words to explain all His goodness, then how much more glorious will be the dawning of that eternal day in His presence!

Yet as we behold the sunset we glance over our shoulder and see darkness closing in rapidly upon the world. It seems such an unreal contrast to the breathless beauty of the sunset and yet it is true, and within a few moments the darkness envelops the world. Yes . . . just as sudden, and just as sure will the darkness of judgement close over this earth. The night when no man can work. The night when salvation's day is forever

closed and sinners can no more be invited to the Saviour. The night when heathen nations will be forever beyond our reach with the message of Salvation. Tragic night! Dreadful night! The night cometh when no man can work!

Christians arise and let us redeem the time. The night cometh. The night when there will be no searching sermon to the sinner. The night when timely tracts that wing salvation's message to the unreached will be no more. The night when heart-touching testimonies will be replaced with silence. The night when the sinner will long to hear and read glad tidings of salvation but will re-

Sick of the husks of earth which
 I have tasted,
 Weary of mis-spent years.
 And will He give me back the
 years so wasted
 As life its ending nears?

Ah, yes, if I but come to Him
 confessing
 The sins and failures past,
 He will forgive, renew, and by
 His blessing
 I may be saved at last.

Fairelie Thornton.

ceive only that awful gnawing of regret. The night when Christians will look back with regret and ask another opportunity to co-operate in reaching souls by sacrifice in publishing Salvation's message by preaching or printing but that desire will then be of no value. Now is the day of opportunity. Beloved, let us not be so absorbed in the beauties of the sunset that we fail to see the coming darkness. Let us not be so taken up with personal present or future blessing that we fail to see the awful gloom descending on those who know not our Saviour. Let us be up and doing for the Master. By every possible means let us reach the lost before it is eternally too late.

THE NIGHT cometh! Not just another night, but "the night". The redeemed are going where there will be no night. But the unsaved are suddenly to find them-

selves in "the night", darkness forever and ever! Banished eternally from the Light. Just to think of it brings us to realize a little of what Paul means with those searching words: "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord we persuade men."

George W. Nielsen

NEARING THE END OF THE SECOND MILESTONE IN NYASALAND

Dear Praying Friends in the Homeland:

"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

Christmas greetings to you all in the Name of our Wonderful Lord. It will be nearly Christmas-time or perhaps afterwards, when you read this letter in the End Times; and also nearly two years since we left the shores of dear old Canada. But we can truthfully say that God has made us happy and contented in the Land that He has called us to labour in, tho' many thousands of miles from home and loved ones. He has made these people, our people, and we are glad to do what we can to help them to find Jesus the Light of the World. We are so thankful to those of you who are faithfully holding us up in prayer before the throne of Grace, day by day. And we can say that God is answering your prayers and giving us the needed grace and strength to labour for Him here. Also we are glad for the ones who have been saved in answer to your prayers.

You will remember us telling you about the two boys that were saved a few months ago. The one boy, Chiole, is faithfully serving the Lord, and has a real testimony for Him, and gets really blessed in the services. The other boy, Sefasie, has been hindered from coming to the services since he was baptized publicly in Jesus Name. The Elders of the Church in his village have persuaded his parents

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THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY GHOST AS TAUGHT IN THE SCRIPTURES

Rev. R. A. Reynolds

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Signs.

Should the church expect supernatural signs today, or has the Lord changed? In Hebrews 13:8 we read "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever". If the Lord Jesus is the same today as He was in the days of the Apostles, should we not expect the same signs and wonders to accompany the preaching of the gospel as accompanied its preaching in apostolic times? Jesus said in Mark 16:15-18—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. And THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover". The gospel was to be preached to every creature, which includes Jews and Gentiles, and excludes the idea that these signs were only to follow Jewish believers. If these signs do not follow, we should question our "believing". Five signs are mentioned here, namely, Casting out devils (demons) in the Name of Jesus; Speaking with new tongues; Protection against poisons; Protection against serpents; and Laying hands on the sick for healing. The sign in regard to poisons, or the drinking of any "deadly thing", is not promised in order that believers should go around drinking poison, but is a protective sign when needed. Missionaries in foreign lands, in travelling through the jungles often have had only fever-infested water to drink. They have drunk this disease-laden water in faith, standing on this promise, and have not been harmed. The same thought applies to "taking up serpents". Only a wild fanaticism would advocate playing with snakes to

prove this scripture, but in countries where snakes are a real danger the believer may "lie down in safety". An example of this is seen in the case of the Apostle Paul, when shipwrecked on the island of Melita. While he gathered sticks for the fire, a viper fastened on his hand, which he shook off into the fire. The islanders watched him, expecting him to die, but finding him unharmed decided that he was a god. (Acts 28:1-6) It was for expressly this kind of thing that this promise was made. Some theologians try to evade this scripture by claiming that no sign should be given this dispensation, and quoting as their authority the words of the Lord Jesus in Math. 12:39—"An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas". It is true that no sign but the resurrection of Christ shall be given to an *evil and adulterous generation*, but that in no wise refers to the signs which follow a *believer*, for a *believer* is neither *evil* nor *adulterous*. The disciples "preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and CONFIRMING THE WORD WITH SIGNS FOLLOWING". (Mark 16:20). The Lord is still confirming His Word today in the same manner to those who *believe*. Where there is *unbelief*, of course there are no signs.

Results of this experience.

The Baptism with the Holy Ghost is a most wonderful experience "joy unspeakable and full of glory". Those who receive this blessed experience are transformed in their lives, walking in the Spirit, and rejoicing in the Lord Jesus Christ. They love to testify for the Master; Prayer is a delight instead of "drudgery"; God's Word is meat and drink to them indeed, while their understanding of the Scriptures is marvellously quickened through the indwelling Spirit; They love God's house, and *enjoy* the things of God, instead of *enduring* them as formerly. They are not ashamed of their Lord, because

the love of God is shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto them.
How to receive the Holy Ghost.

What are the conditions to be met in order to receive the Baptism with the Holy Ghost?

1. Accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour, believing as you do so that He accepts you. He will forgive every sin, and wash you in His precious blood. "For by grace are ye saved through *faith* and that not of yourselves: it is the *gift of God*: not of works, lest any man should boast". (Eph. 2:8-9) "Being *justified freely* by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus". (Rom. 3:24) "To him that *worketh not, but believeth* on him that *justifieth* the ungodly, his *faith* is counted for *righteousness*". (Rom. 4:5)

2. Obey God's word in baptism at the first opportunity. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved". (Mark 16:16). The Holy Ghost may be given before the believer is baptized in water, but he should be willing to obey the ordinance of water baptism when opportunity presents itself. See Acts 10:47-48 where Peter "commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord" after they had received the Holy Spirit.

3. Ask the Lord to baptize you with the Holy Ghost. "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him"? (Luke 11:13.) (See also Acts 1:14)

4. PRAISE THE LORD for the gift of the Holy Spirit *in faith*. Herein lies the secret of receiving the Holy Spirit. Many ask and ask, but believe not, and thus never receive. Asking once is enough, then begin to *praise the Lord for the answer*, and *continue to praise Him until the answer comes*. This is the true attitude of faith. Faith does not beg, but believes and thanks God for the answer. This is how the disciples of old waited for and received the Holy Ghost. Jesus had said unto them "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

If you would lift me up, you must be on higher ground.

If sin were not deceitful, it would never be delightful.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

- A Happy New Year -

By Marjorie Spicer

Happy New Year, boys and girls! Here we are in a new month and a brand New Year—1953. Just what do you think of first of all when you hear the words "Happy New Year"? Do you think of a big dinner with turkey and all the trimmings, getting together with your cousins, aunts and uncles and grandparents, and all the fun you'll have skating with those new skates you got for Christmas? All those things are fine and very nice to have and do, but there is something more for us to consider when we hear those words, "Happy New Year".

Let us stop for just a minute or two and think about what we should do to make sure that this year is a happy one.

The first and most important thing is to know Jesus as our own Saviour. Maybe your mother and your daddy have asked Jesus to be their Saviour, and what a wonderful thing it is to have Christian parents who love the Lord. Your parents do many things for you, don't they, boys and girls? But here is one time when they cannot do it for you. You yourself must ask Jesus to wash away your sins and accept Him into your heart. They can tell you about Jesus and His love, but you have to do the asking and accepting of Jesus as your Saviour. If you never have asked the Lord Jesus to become your Saviour, why not do it today? Jesus Himself said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out".

You may ask, "How does that make me happy?" Well, you see, it's like this. The Lord Jesus takes away our sins and cleans us all up on the inside. You know how nice you feel after you have a nice warm bath—feels good, doesn't it? Well it is something like that. But better still we have God's Word—the Bible—and we find there "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house" or the whole family. We cannot rely on our feelings to tell us if we are saved, or have Jesus in our hearts,

for sometimes we may not feel that way, but we can rely on God's Word which is true.

As we look into God's Book we find that we are really privileged people. Not only are we in God's family, one of His children but we now have the right to the blessings that God gives to His children, and at the end of this life, a home in heaven is waiting for us. Isn't that something to make us real happy? I should say so. And that's not all—not by any means—there is so much more, but I won't take the time to go into that. But say, I have a suggestion to pass along. How about you getting your Bible and finding as many of the promises and blessings as you can. I'm sure you will be very happy as you read each one and realize that they

"Whatever may be our situation, we have a Guide to direct our way; whatever our perplexities, we have a sure Counsellor; whatever our sorrow, bereavement, or loneliness, we have a sympathizing Friend. If in our ignorance we make missteps, Christ does not leave us. His voice clear and distinct, is heard, saying, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."—Gospel Workers, p. 263.

are yours because you belong to Jesus.

Now for the second way to make this year a real happy one. Do you ever hear a little voice telling you to do things that you know are wrong? That's a bad voice, isn't it? Do you know that Satan is trying to get you to sin by doing things that you know are wrong? Boys and girls let me ask you a question right here. When you disobey your parents or quarrel with your brother or sister or playmates, do you feel happy way down inside? I know that your answer will be "No". Was I right? But you say, "I try so hard to do what's right, but it just seems as if I don't make a very good job of it." Have you ever asked Jesus to help you do what is right and what pleases Him? The next time you are tempt-

ed to do something wrong, just send a little prayer to Jesus and ask Him to give you power to overcome whatever may be troubling you. And He will help you. Just try it and see for yourselves if what I have told you here doesn't work. As we do and say the right things, not only do we make Jesus and our parents happy, but we will be happy too.

Just in closing our little chat for this month with you boys and girls, I want to mention just one more way to ensure a happy year for you all, and that is telling others about Jesus. If we have found true happiness in having Jesus as our Saviour, we want to share the good news with others. Remember boys and girls, you are not too small to tell your friends that Jesus loves them. So no matter what our age may be, let's do as the little chorus says, "Let's talk about Jesus".

May this year be the happiest yet, because you have Jesus as your own Saviour, you live as He would have you live and you tell others about Him.

Will He restore the years which I
have wasted?

Can they come back to me?
The days when after earthly joys
I hastened?

Surely this cannot be.

Alas, those years the cankerworm
hath eaten;
Locusts of sin destroyed.
And now I come back baffled, sore
and beaten,
With but an aching void.

"BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR"

Jean Sandgren

Lord, the Past, beyond recall
Doth witness to Thy Grace
Thru' the maze of life's concerns
Thy love's designs we trace.
Future Glory, faith beholds
When with Thee, Lord, on High
Cheering prospect unto those
Who on Thy Word rely.

Resolves are like blossoms,
actions like fruit.

THAT YE MAY KNOW

By Mrs. E. W. Storie

I am sure some of my readers will be surprised when I tell them that there are many, many people in the world who do not believe that a person can know that they are saved for time and eternity, when they accept Jesus as their Saviour. Strange people I must call them, when God's word is so definite on the subject, and they say they believe God's Word. Yet the Bible says, 1 John 5:10-13, "He that believeth in the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar because he believeth not the record that God hath given of his Son. And this is the record that God hath given to us ETERNAL LIFE, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son HATH life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God: that you may KNOW that ye HAVE ETERNAL LIFE and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

There are many Christians who call God a liar when God says one thing and people say another, contradict what God says. Don't blame me for talking so plain. Read it in the Bible for yourself and by all means believe what you read, don't be an unbelieving believer. There may be some things where uncertainties do not matter so much, but in matters of life and death we want full assurance. It is not enough to hope that we are saved, or think that perhaps we will be in the distant future. The Lord has not left us wondering in doubt and despair as to the realities of the great eternal truths.

Christianity is not builded upon the uncertainties of fables or human dogmas it is builded upon the impregnable rock of Divine and certain Word of God. He who trusts in Jesus is not left to be carried to and fro by every changeable wind of men's doctrine, he is standing on a sure foundation, the Word that is forever settled in Heaven.

The Bible never sounds forth an uncertain note. It speaks with authority. When Jesus comes into

a life, doubt should go out. Paul could say, "I KNOW who I have believed" and he also said he knew God was able to keep what he had committed unto Him. It is not saying much for the Power of our God, if we believe He is not strong enough to keep what we have committed unto Him. Jesus said all power in heaven and earth was committed unto Him. If the devil's power was strong enough to take us out of God's hands after He saved us, Jesus could not be all powerful. But we are persuaded that all power is given unto Him and He will not lose any of His redeemed ones.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me hath everlasting life." He that heareth my Word! What has His word accomplished in the past? Let us turn to Gen. 1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. God said, Let there be light and there was light. God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters, and it was so. God said, Let the waters under heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so. God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, and herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, and it was so. God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for day, and years: and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, and it was so. God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth. And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping things, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness and God created man in his own image."

It is the same Word that spoke to the woman that was bowed together for eighteen years. Jesus

said, "Woman thou art loosed from thine infirmity".

Again we read in Luke 8:41, where Jarius daughter had died, Jesus came into the room and He put the people out then He took the maid by the hand and called, saying, "Maid, arise" and her spirit came again, and the maid arose.

John 11, Lazarus had been dead four days. Jesus told them to roll away the stone from the mouth of the grave where Lazarus was buried. Then, He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was bound with a napkin. Jesus said unto them, Loose him and let him go. What wonderful power there is in the Words that are spoken by the Lord!

Now, Reader, for my part I believe that we may know. I believe that it is imperative to know we are saved, and to know it now, not have to wait until we get over yonder before we know. He who never passes beyond a "hope so" faith, casts insults on the sure promises of God. God says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life". Then shall we who believe say, we hope we have, what God says we have? God speaks of salvation as a present experience. God says, "Hath passed from death unto life". Shall we say, "we hope some future day to pass from death unto life?" Christ said, Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven." Shall we grieve, fearing that they may never be there at the time we are ready to go there?

If God speaks with a period, shall we speak with a question? If God says, hath, shall we say may have? To place an "if" over against God's certainties, is to cast a doubt on the integrity of God's Word. To say, "I hope so", where God says, "It is so" is to cast reproach upon the Almighty.

My pardon is filed in Heaven and God is a good book-keeper.

"Did Jesus upon me shine?

Then Jesus is for ever mine.

"O! my distrustful heart!

How small thy faith appears,
Far greater, Lord, thou art,
Than all my doubts and fears.

'Midst all my sin, and fear and
woe,
Thy Spirit will not let me go."

"REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN
THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH . . ."
(Ecclesiastes 12:1)

"Topics For Teens"

Can You Take It?

This question, translated into present-day vernacular, is based upon the verse of Scripture found in Matthew 20:22. ". . . Are Ye Able . . . ?"

By expressing this interrogation in a phrase frequently heard among high school and college young people, we would like to bring to your attention Christ's personal challenge to you.

Can you meet the challenge of Christ or can't you? Are you made of the right kind of "stuff"? Listen to Christ's challenge as expressed in Matthew 16:24: ". . . If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me".

To the majority of young people this challenge will be just too demanding. The "average" young person will run away from it, for he "can't take it." We trust that you young people who read this message are different from the others just mentioned, for a response to this challenge demands a generous supply of real courage and backbone.

The challenge that we're talking about really means an out-and-out devotion Jesus said that the greatest commandment was: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37).

First, you must deny self. Can you "take" that? Many of us tell the Lord with our lips that we are determined to live to please Him and not ourselves. Yet day after day our decisions reveal the fact that self is still on the throne. Our course of action is planned to please self rather than to please the Lord. If we are going to deny self we must absolutely, unreservedly, uncompromisingly, confidently yield ourselves, our lives, our all into the hands of the Lord for time and for eternity. May we say with George Whitefield, "Lord, I want to throw myself blindfolded into Thy care."

Next, you must take up your cross. "Can you take it?" Do you

remember the young fellow who came running to Jesus? My, what a fortunate young man he was. He seemed to have everything—personality, education, enthusiasm, leadership, power, influence, wealth and sincerity. He said, ". . . Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Christ replied, ". . . Go thy way, sell whatever thou hast, and give to the poor . . . and come, take up the cross, and follow me" (Mark 10:17-22).

What a glorious challenge! What an eternal opportunity! Here was potentially another Paul or John! But he bowed his head, dropped his shoulders, and, with saddened countenance, slowly turned his back and walked away with a defeated slouch. He could not take up his cross.

May we be wholeheartedly and enthusiastically willing to pay the supreme price in order that this world may be conquered for Christ.

The last part of the challenge is: Follow me. "Can you take it?" I know that young people today are faced with many calls, each saying, "Come on, follow me." Political systems are calling; pleasure, popularity, fame and wealth are calling, each with an attractive invitation, "Follow me." It is easy to accept these calls. They are enticing, alluring, and fascinating. But do not forget that they are also deceptive, shallow, empty, temporary and mocking.

It's true that the "crowd" is not following Jesus, but the "crowd" is going to hell. All some folk ever do is mimic the "crowd"; their chief ambition is to be a carbon copy of what the "crowd" is doing. Listen, any dead fish can float downstream. It takes a live fish, possessing strength and determination, to go against the current, leap the rapids, overcome the falls and reach the goal. Don't be a dead fish; be willing to say, "I don't care one iota what the rest of the world is doing; I'm going to follow Jesus."

If you have no troubles, your prayers have not suction.

come into trouble. Paul and Jonah were both in a storm, but the circumstances were quite different.

QUIZ CORNER



Let's take another look at the alphabet and see if we can give at least one answer for each letter.

- A a tribe of Israel.
- B a church official.
- C a tree.
- D a city.
- E an ornament.
- F a fruit.
- G a sea.
- H a mount.
- I a country.
- J a precious stone.
- K an Israelite rebel.
- L an animal.
- M a garment.
- N a king.
- O a musical instrument.
- P a title of ruler.
- Q a bird.
- R a flower.
- S a Jewish religious sect.
- T a shrub.
- U a murdered man.
- V a liquid.
- W a game.
- Y used on oxen.
- Z a minor prophet.

Perhaps you named some of the answers given on the back page. See how yours compare with the ones given.

Keep your face toward the sunshine and the shadows will always fall behind.

Why Some Do Not Go To Church

Some stay at home because it's cold,

And some because it's hot;
Some because they're getting old,
And some because they're not.

Some stay at home to entertain,
And some to cook the dinners;
Some because they're good enough
And some because they're sinners.

Some stay because their hat
The milliner's not finished;
And some because their liking,
For the minister has diminished.

Some stay at home because their clothes
Are looking old and shabby;
And some because their special type
Of piety is "flabby."

Some stay at home because they have
A farm and lots of stock;
And therefore cannot spare the time
To gather with God's flock.

Some do declare they don't enjoy
The singing of the choir;
And other because their fellow-saint
Aroused their wrathful "ire."

Some stay at home because they say,
The weather's cold or rough;
And some to vent a little spleen,
Because they've got a "huff."

Some stay at home because they've long
In single harness tarried;
And some because, as they protest
They've settled down and married.

Alas! Alas! excuses grow
To drive our thoughts from God,
And turn us from the house of prayer,
The place our fathers trod.

—Author Unknown

We would have more accomplished in the church, and in the world, if people were not so concerned about the person who is to get the credit for it.

It is good to give of our abundance but far better to share our little.

ADVENTURES IN SOUL-WINNING

Combined with the clear command of our blessed Saviour, and the privilege to witness and win souls for Jesus, is also the throb of adventure.

This adventure is offered to all who willingly and wholeheartedly desire to participate. The only requirement necessary for a believer on Christ to be used in this way is first of all a concern and compassion for lost hell-bound souls and a fervent desire to win them to Jesus Christ, and then a knowledge of the Word of God that is sufficient to present to the individual God's wonderful plan of salvation.

And now, two actual experiences, to show you the tremendous need of your beginning and continuing to win souls, for remember, we as young people ought to talk about Christ!

First, let me tell you about a high schooler. I approached him as he left the gym on his way home, and when confronted with the question of Matthew 22:42, his answer was a slow uncertain mumble. He said that he thought Christ was a good man, and then more boldly he stated that he went to church every Sunday. What a weak foundation millions are basing their souls destiny upon.

From the Bible he saw God's simple plan of salvation and quickly realized that God meant it all for him. We bowed in prayer together, he prayed, inviting Christ to come into his heart and to cleanse him from sin. Then to hear him confess what Christ did for him thrilled and urged me to go on telling others about the only Saviour.

Similar conversions, multiplied times, will be given to all those who will consistently "sow" the

Word of God, for God has promised "His word shall not return void."

Those who do hear the Gospel are fortunate because for every one that hears, there are thousands yet untold. Yes, even in our land, we are challenged to meet those young people seeking education, for constantly they face Godless, atheistic teachers and books. These young folks are setting opinions for life, without a chance of having real truth presented to them. Remember, atheism borders too closely on Communism!

Another incident, a man of 83 years of age confronted me, and said he didn't know God and didn't care to find Him. However, he did set forth several questions and listened intently to the Scriptural answers as well as the plan of salvation, and the account of a man in eternity without Christ. Yet he flatly refused Christ.

Several days later, being burdened for his lost soul, I returned, but still he rejected my Saviour. After another lengthy discussion of the Scriptures, as I arose to leave, he said: "Son, you've come too late, fifty years ago I'd have considered that good news." He thanked me for coming and as I left, it seemed as if I could hear Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:3,4 say, "the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ—should shine unto them." And I wondered, "Did my grandfather forget to speak to this man?"

This too is the fate of our generation — unless we tell them NOW! Will you start? Ezekiel 3:17.

Ellwood E. Barbour

Our Obligation To Others

(Romans 1:14)

Paul saw himself as a debtor to all men. The cultured and the uncultured, the wise and the foolish—he saw them all as sinners in need of salvation. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, high and low—however we divide men, they all need Jesus Christ.

No one admires a person who

does not pay his debts. To what extent have you discharged your spiritual debt to your family, your relatives, your neighbors, your friends, and your business associates? Have you offered to share with them the salvation God has so freely given you? If not, why not?

PROPHETIC AND FULFILLMENT

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abiding in every member of the family, servants and handmaids included, in this great outpouring of the Spirit that has reached around the globe in every nation and tongue and people. But God is still pouring out of His Spirit upon all flesh and you are without excuse. The Radio proclaims the Gospel by short wave, long wave, by missionaries, churches, laymen. Many Radio Stations reach over the iron curtains in their own native tongue tell the wonderful works of God.

The Message is truth and is received by those who want salvation, by those who desire the message of the Holy Spirit, but you can turn a deaf ear, as many turn off their radio as soon as the gospel message comes on the air. They say by their action God I don't want to listen to you. I refuse to go where they preach ye must be born again or where they preach the Holy Spirit and the speaking in other tongues. Have you ever read in Romans 1:21, "Because that when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful." You may know about the truth and even know the truth, but still reject it and that very thing will meet men and women after death at the Judgement because they are without excuse. We hear but do we act on what we hear? Are we open to receive the Word of truth? "Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye believed?" Has your portion been waiting all these years for you to receive? Get your portion today. For the Promise is to as many as the Lord our God shall call.

FIELD REPORTS

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known in absolute confidence knowing that I have such a partner by my side.

Since taking over the Pastorate at Carlyle, April 29th, 1951, we have had varied experiences. Some we like to talk about and some we don't, but through it all we can raise our voices in thankfulness to God for His faithfulness. The work has been growing gradually with the Sunday School being the most encouraging Department. We have had some very fine ministry since we arrived here. Especially, the ministry of Rev. Glen S. McLean of Eston and Abraham Kudra of Victoria. These men packed the Church which is a real tonic to any Pastor. We also enjoyed the Lord's presence in our Christ for Everyone Rally when we were favoured to have Brother Brooks as our special speaker. We might also add that we have enjoyed the fellowship of Brother Smith of Stoughton, the closest Full Gospel Minister.

The South is also a real challenge to any young man or woman willing to battle for God. Our prayer is, may God make us bold in the proclamation of His Word to a lost and dying world.

Pastor and Mrs. Ross Wightman

PUNNICHY, SASK.

A number of Indian folk have been saved and four were baptized in water in Regina Mission recently.

This revival is a genuine visitation from God, apart from human instrumentality as far as that is possible. It is evident that God has turned to these folk and is calling out from among them a people for His Name. One is not so much concerned about numbers as about the quality of these believers. A real work of grace has been done in their hearts. This has been manifested by a complete separation from the world, a desire to meet with God's people at every opportunity, an intense hunger for the Word, and a desire to see the lost saved. Some have already won others to the Lord.

The new church building is progressing favorably. The Lord willing, it may be ready for worship by spring.

Let us pray much for one another as we labour together with God.

Pastor Leonard Martin

Missionary Page

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to send him to another village. Please pray for him that God will keep him faithful. Thus the enemies of the Lord labour in this land under the guise of religion. Another woman who was saved, we have found out since, is the second or third wife of a man; so she has stopped coming, as they realize when they are saved they must give up this custom. They are in such bondage, do pray without ceasing for them.

We have had many funerals in the villages around us lately. Early and late we hear them wailing for their dead. When one does, the whole village stays home for a day or two and weep and wail together. Your hearts would ache for them, as so few of them have any hope beyond the grave, as we who know Jesus have.

Our Homecraft Village is now in the fourth and last month of our Second term. The Mothers are so pleased with the garments that they have made for themselves, their children, and also their husbands, this term. We wish you could see some of their work. We are so pleased with the interest they take, and the progress that they have made. Some of the village women, who live near here, and come day by day, have taken the seven months to learn to knit, and then to knit one small jersey for a child but how pleased they are when they have accomplished it. Others have learned to sew very, very nicely. We are sure you are remembering them in prayer too, that as we teach them the work of their hands, they will come to love our Jesus too, who has put His love in our hearts to help them. We know this labour is all in vain, if they do not come to know Jesus, the One who saves from heathen degradation and sin and superstition. We are depending on your prayers dear ones. God's Word tells us "If Zion travails, she shall bring forth", Praise God He can hear prayer in Canada and answer in Africa. The need is so great and the time is short. May God help each one of us to be faithful with this powerful weapon of prayer that each one of us can wield in His Name.

We will have our new class-room ready for use for our next term,

which will start again in February. We have been disappointed that we have not been able to get tiles for the roof, as we had planned. A large building that the D. C. supplied tiles for collapsed and ruined practically all the tiles, and they have had to be supplied again, so they are unable to let us have them, after promising them to us months ago. So we are now putting grass on it, but perhaps at some future time we will be able to get the tiles. They are made out of mud and then burned, and are proving quite satisfactory, and are quite inexpensive. But as yet not too many people know how to make them. When this building is completed we will also use it for church

services, until the roof is on the church building.

No doubt many of our Assemblies have already enjoyed having Sister Mitchell and Maynard with them for a service, and have seen pictures of the church etc. We are praying that God will make them a blessing to you, and encourage you to a greater prayer effort for the needs here, and for missions everywhere.

Now again, we say a big "God bless you" for so faithfully remembering us in your prayers, and also with your gifts and letters.

In the service of King Jesus,
Sisters L. Sieker & G. Hunt.

A BRIGHT LIGHT IN DEEP SHADES

Evangelist Roy Foggo

Isa. 55:1, "Ho, every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye, buy, and eat, yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

The Israelites were commanded to remember all the way the Lord their God had led them through the wilderness. The remembrance of God's mercy in the past will often prove bracing to our souls. Should we become rich and increased in goods spiritually, it will humble us and keep us in our right place. If we remember that once we were naked, and poor, and miserable, it will excite our thankfulness. We at times bury God's mercies and sigh for his comforts.

In this particular instance Isaiah was led by the Spirit of God to admonish the Israelites to look back that they might be cheered in a time of gloom and sadness, and to have confidence in God's power to bring them up again from their sad condition as they thought of all that He had done for them when they were even in a worse plight. There is only one that we can confide in today and that ONE is GOD ALMIGHTY.

Let us look back to the rock whence we were hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence Christ's church was digged. We shall see great encouragement under present discouragements if we do so.

Many of the people of God scarcely dare look for brighter times, because they say the people of God are few. It is true we are on the side of the minority, but, look who is with us. "THE GREAT I AM", THE GREAT JEHOVAH! If God is with us who is against us. It is true, my friend, that "we are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ our Lord." Let us have faith, trust and confidence in God.

Was not the church very small at first. Let us think of the hundred and twenty gathered in the Upper Room. Now that was a small number compared to the many unbelievers of that particular age, but please notice that the apostles did not complain. They just held on to God's powerful hand until a mighty revival came their way. Thus we see that the church grew from a hundred and twenty to three thousand, from three thousand to multiplied millions. Praise the Lord! Because of the spiritual laxity in the world we need to hold on to God's hand until men and women, boys and girls are born to call him blessed. On the Day of Pentecost all nations felt the growing power of the church.

In the dark ages, God had but to speak by His servant Luther and brave men came to his side and right soon his church sprang up. The God of Luther's day is just the same today. Let us remember that great things can be accom-

plished through the Lord Jesus Christ. It is said in his Word "I am the LORD I change not". May we as Pentecostal folk realize just that. But is it possible, you say, while the church in these days possesses so few men of influence? Let us remember that God hath chosen the poor of this world to do His work. It is wonderful how God can take an ordinary farm boy, fill him with His spirit and use him as an ambassador of His word. Yes, my friend, God has chosen you and me to do His work. What greater calling can you ask for? We should be happy that God has called us. Let us work for Him with all our might.

But alas, saith one, I see grave cause for sorrow. For in these days many have departed from the faith, from the truth. Many are blaspheming God and His people, times are dark and gloomy, (war and other things) thick clouds are gathering over. But for all this there is no time to fear, no time to cry defeat, no time to falter or fall under the task. Let us put our hand in God's hand, for he will preserve us. We are safe in His keeping. He will keep us even unto the end of the world. What a Wonderful God! Despondent one, look to Him. He is your portion. I would not want to have my life in any other power.

The period at which Arianism was so prominent comes to our recollection. That Christ was merely a man was the universal belief of Christendom. Only a faithful few stood for what was right and maintained his Godhead. But today, where is Arianism? It has gone. The few that held the truth survived the deadly epidemic and won the victory. There is victory for us.

The same God that lifted us from sin is ready to enable us to keep on the path of righteousness. In the book of Jude the 24th verse we find the words, "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and Majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen, so let it be Lord Jesus."

What joy it brings to my heart as I sit here with my Bible on my left and as I ponder on Jude 24:25. I am very, very happy to be serv-

ing a God that is able to help me as a young man from falling.

Truly Christ is a bright light in deep shades.

FARMER FINDS WHY HIS CROP GROWS BETTER

Abernathy, Tex., Dec. 14 (AP). A group of Abernathy farmers today brought their tithes into the house of the Lord.

What they brought filled two washtubs with \$14,132.65 in cash and checks—money from harvest on land they dedicated to God last spring. Each farmer dedicated one-tenth of his acreage.

The two tubs stood beside two bales of cotton—symbol of the harvest—in the first Baptist church.

500 Members of Church

The church has 500 members. Most of the adult men are farmers on the rolling plains around Abernathy, a town of 1,692, in west Texas, north of Lubbock. They grow cotton, wheat, barley, oats, corn, and grain sorghums.

Last spring their pastor, the Rev. C. A. Kennedy, 35, asked them to dedicate one-tenth of their land to God and see what the returns would be.

They did, each dedicating anywhere from one to 68 acres. Kennedy said the farmers who dedicated their land had "phenomenal results."

Tithe Crop is Better

"There is Albert Hart, with five acres dedicated," the pastor said. "He called me to his farm late in the summer to show that all his acreage was bountiful, but on the dedicated land the cotton stood 12 inches higher than the rest and yielded one and three-quarters bales an acre, compared with an average yield of one bale an acre on his other land.

"He asked me why.

"Why? In Malachi iii,10, it says: 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house and prove Me now herewith, said the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'

"That is why."

Be not simply good, but good for something.

Christianity : What Is It ?

Pastor F. J. Kosick

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Religious man must be born again.

This was embarrassing and a crashing blow to Nicodemus after trying to do the best he could, like many good influential people are trying to do today, and do not understand the way of salvation. For, said Nicodemus, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born? Jesus explained it to him, and this is what makes Christianity different from a Religion. "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." Once we were born in the flesh, and by birth became the children of wrath, so once must we be born from above and become the children of God. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." (1 Pet. 1:23)

A Christian possesses new life.

To be a Christian means to have Christ within. "What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is IN YOU, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (1 Cor. 6:19) Christianity means death to self. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2:20) John the beloved differentiates between the religionists and Christians in this manner, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life". (1 John 5:12)

A Christian is

A mind through which Christ thinks,
A heart through which Christ loves,
A voice through which Christ speaks,
A hand through which Christ helps.

The successful business man declares, "To me to live is fortune"; the unsuccessful, "To me to live is toil and labor"; the philosopher, "To me to live is knowledge"; the ambitious one, "To me to live is

fame". What is the ruling passion of the young man, the young woman of the 20th century? Does this voice ring out amid all the voices of the world, "TO ME TO LIVE IS NOT fortune, nor toil, nor knowledge, nor fame, nor glory—BUT CHRIST." Let Christ be first, last, everything, always and perpetually, Christ.

Christianity should mean
Christ the origin of my life.
Christ the essence of my life.
Christ the model of my life.
Christ the aim of my life.
Christ the reward of my life.

The preaching of Christ the business of my life.
The presence of Christ the cheer of my life.
The love of Christ the power of my life.
The will of Christ the law of my life.
CHRIST IS MY LIFE!

KEEP STEPPING

There are three simple words that begin with an S,
They are wise with a wisdom the world cannot guess,
But those who employ them their beauty confess,
Keep Silent, Keep Sweet, and Keep Stepping.
Keep Silent when rumor against you is stirred,
When friendship is hurt like a broken winged bird,
When clamors the heart for a right to be heard,
Keep Silent, Keep Sweet, and Keep Stepping.
Keep sweet when provoked by some petty affair.
When those whom you love on your loyalty wear,
When the milk of your spirit is curdled with care,
Keep Silent, Keep Sweet, and Keep Stepping.
Keep Stepping when other folks hinder your way,
When weary and worried you finish the day,
Too footsore to walk and too breathless to pray,
Keep Silent, Keep Sweet, and Keep Stepping.
Keep Silent and spare yourself needless regret,
Keep Sweet and the whole world will be in your debt,
Keep Stepping with Christ, the truest Friend yet,
Keep Silent, Keep Sweet, and Keep Stepping.

—Unknown

"THE RESURRECTION"

Pastor R. W. Beeston

In Gen. 3:15 we have the first recorded promise of a redeemer—the first prophecy in the Word of God. This scripture makes it quite plain that the seed of the woman—Christ—would rise from the dead. If he were to bruise the serpent's head, after his heel had been bruised by satan, then he must of necessity rise from the dead. Just as surely as the death of Christ is foretold in type, shadow and prophecy, so also is his resurrection. 1 Peter 3:21 tells us that the ark, passing through the waters of God's judgement to a sin free earth, foreshadowed this same glorious event. The miraculous deliverance of Isaac from the altar, after that he had been given up to death three days before (Gen. 22) is interpreted by the Holy Spirit in Hebrews 11:9 as receiving him back, in figure, from the dead. So we could go on and on. The crossing of the Red Sea on dry land, three days after the slaying of the Passover Lamb, is a type of the Christian being raised together with Christ. The deliverance of Jonah, after three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, prefigured the Saviour's deliverance from the tomb on the third day. When the people asked Christ for a sign, he replied, "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign, and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." (Matt. 12:39-40).

Prophecy is equally explicit. "Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoiceth, my flesh also shall rest in hope, for thou wilt not leave my soul in hell neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption. Thou wilt show me the path of life." (Ps. 16:9-11).

How we need to thank God that Jesus Christ died on Calvary, but we must not allow that great truth to obscure the resurrection. The death of Christ does not by any means exhaust the gospel. It is His death plus His resurrection upon which the believer bases his hopes.

Note the definition of the gospel by the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 15:3-4, "that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried and that he rose the third day according to the scriptures." Writing to the church at Galatia he said, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

I believe it was Mr. Moody who had a young man preach for him on one occasion. Mr. Moody sat in the congregation. At the close of the service the young man asked him what he thought of the sermon. Mr. Moody said it was very good, but that he had not finished it. Amazed, the young man asked, why! "You left Christ in the grave," was the reply. Friends, we have a risen, living Saviour. The tomb is empty. In revealing himself to John on the Isle of Patmos, Christ said, "I am he that liveth, and was dead and behold, I am alive for evermore. Amen. And have the keys of hell and death". (Rev. 1:8).

In Romans 4:25 we read, "That Christ was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification". How we need to thank God for that empty tomb! "For if Christ be not raised then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." When Peter stood up at Pentecost and preached that dynamic message that added thousands to the church, his central theme was that God had raised the one up whom they had crucified. This great foundational truth Peter later proclaims at the house of Cornelius, as recorded in Acts 10:40, "Him God raised up the third day and showed him openly".

The unsaved must believe this if he is to be saved, for we read Romans 10:9, "that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Jesus declared in John 10:17-18, "Therefore doth my father love me,

because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again".

It was on the first day of the week that Christ arose. How significant! For here was not only the beginning of a new week, but of a new era. The law was now ended a new dispensation ushered in. The first day! Could not this have been what the psalmist had in mind when he penned under divine inspiration, "THIS is the day which the Lord had made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." Mary Magdalene out of whom Christ cast seven devils, was the first to arrive at the tomb that memorable morning. To her utter amazement she found the stone that had covered the entrance was rolled away. Matthew gives us the explanation, "Behold, there was a great earthquake, for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it". Hurrying away from the tomb, she contacts Peter and John, and exclaims, "They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him". The two disciples hurry to the tomb. John outrunning Peter arrives first, and "stooping down, he saw the linen clothes lying, yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre". Gentle, loving John was satisfied to stand outside and look in. Peter, bold, impetuous, fervent must investigate. "And he seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself." Two words here are worthy of our consideration if we would see the meaning of these verses. We read that John "SAW". The Greek word used here means to take a casual glance. But Peter "SEETH". Here the Greek indicates to intently scrutinize. The evidence of the clothes was sufficient to convince Peter that his Lord had indeed risen.

"Then went in also that other disciple which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw and believed."

The word translated saw here is entirely different from the two words we have mentioned. It

means to "perceive with understanding". What was it that John now saw and understood? When he first saw, or casually glanced into the sepulchre he saw the linen clothes lying, but now, on the inside, he saw also "the napkin that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself". John saw the grave clothes lying in their original position, as when they enclosed the body—just as the body had left them, undisturbed. This sight convinced John that a miracle indeed had taken place and he believed. The body gone—the clothes there unwrapped.

Had friends taken the body, they would have taken the wrappings too. If his enemies had taken his body, would they have taken the trouble to place the clothes as the two disciples saw them? There was only one explanation—supernatural design. Christ had risen. Death, the grave with its stone and Roman seal, and Roman guard, could not hold him.

The angel said to the women in Matt. 28:6, "Come—See the place where the Lord lay". Come and see and believe as did Peter and John. Friends, that is Christ's invitation to you. Come! See! Believe! Believe that Christ died for your sins, and that he rose again for your justification. He died then rose from the dead to present his blood at the mercy seat in heaven — a completed once-for-all sacrifice for the sin of the whole world. John 3:6.

"For Christ hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." (1 Peter 3:18)

"Say unto them, as I liveth saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways, for why will ye die?"

O men and women, why will you die in your sins, when a loving compassionate God has provided a cleansing fountain? "The blood of Jesus Christ God's Son, cleanseth from all sin." (Isa. 1:18)

It was on the first day of the week that Christ rose. It meant, as we have seen, a new beginning. Friends, why not let this day be a new beginning for you? 2 Cor. 5:17, You are in Christ or your

sins, dear one. O why will you die. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

My Bible tells me that the unsaved are dead—dead in trespasses and sin. Friends as Christ rose from the dead so may you. The same spirit that raised Christ from

the dead can also quicken your mortal body, give spiritual life to it, save you from an eternal condemnation. Will you not come to this risen Saviour? Just now acknowledge your need and let Him save you? He has promised, "That whosoever cometh to Him he will in no wise cast out."

◆ EMANCIPATION ◆

By Pastor T. A. Johnson

We are speaking to you on a very important and vital subject, "Emancipation", which means a setting free or liberation. There are millions of people in the world today who are bound by the fetters of sin, lusts, greed of sickness and disease which the Devil, who is God's and man's arch-enemy, has placed around them. However hard they may have tried to liberate themselves, these bands have only been drawn a little tighter so that they find themselves at the mercy of Satan. Many of them have their eyes blinded so that they are being deceived, and made to think they are free and not bound. What a sad picture of hopelessness and despair, and yet there is a way out, there is liberation, and men and women may be emancipated or set free.

The scene we have before our eyes is a prison house, with barred windows and guarded walls. But thank God for the Emancipator, the Lord Jesus Christ, who came into the world to set men free. In Luke 4:17-19 is written: "And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. That actually was fulfilled in Jesus' ministry on earth when He set men and women free from sin, from sickness and disease, and opened the blinded eyes. The powers of Satan were broken, so that men and women who were

Demon possessed were emancipated, liberated, and set free to the extent the people marvelled. That is the work He came to do, but some will say, "He is not here any more, He has ascended to heaven, and how can we be set free? When Jesus ascended to the right hand of God He made a glorious provision for His work of emancipation to be carried on, and this was to be done by His chosen followers.

In Matt. 16:18-19 Jesus says: "And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hell or Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Peter opened the door into the kingdom after the Day of Pentecost, which is synonymous with the Church of Jesus Christ, so that to the Church has been given the power to bind and to loose. After the Day of Pentecost when the 120 had been gloriously filled or baptised with the Holy Ghost, they went forth and preached everywhere, and mighty works were manifested so that men and women who were bound by Satan were liberated and set free.

The Church was not to be an ornament, but a power in the hands of God, primarily for the purpose of emancipation, to deliver men and women from the hands of the wicked one, and thank God for those who have caught the vision of the great need in the world, and have entered into a relationship with God where they are being used in the salvation of souls, and where God is bestowing upon them the gifts of the Spirit as in the early Church to

the extent that sicknesses and diseases are vanishing away under the mighty power of our Risen Lord.

In the beginning of every new move for God there was great power manifested, great revivals took place and mighty works were done. But the Church of Jesus Christ has lost the vision, and the power, as well as the secret, and that condition is set forth in Rev. 3:15-20.

"I know thy works that thou art neither cold nor hot, I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Once again God is calling to His people to be zealous and repent, for this is the time of the end, when God wants to show forth His great power and glory, and to restore to the Church the highest order, which is the power of liberation which they had in the early Church, and which was to be continued on until Jesus comes. This is a time when the church needs to be awakened to have her eyes anointed with eye-salve so that her eyes may see the great need, and that she might catch a vision of the lost, the perishing and the bound. Many today are playing church, and Christ is on the outside wanting to gain entrance, so that He might once again bestow and endow His church with the fulness of Pentecostal blessing. It is falling all around us, and God is moving by His Spirit over all the earth.

In Africa, just recently, a mass meeting was held among the natives where 7,000 were gathered to hear the Word of God, and at the close of a message given by a Holy Ghost filled minister, 3,000

souls came forward and gave their hearts to Jesus. God is also healing the sick and diseased, and cancers, tumours, goitres and all manner of afflictions are vanishing away at the power of the Spirit filled Church. This is the time of liberation and the time of harvest, but it will soon be over, and so let us

as Christ's ambassadors go forth in His name, and yield to Him afresh, that souls may be set free. This is our opportunity, let us avail ourselves of it. May the Lord bless you, and help us all to catch the vision, for Jesus is coming soon.

THE GREAT NECESSITY

Rev A. H. Orchard

(Luke 24:36-49)

In the Gospel of St. Luke 24:45, we read these words; "Then opened He (Jesus) their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures". Although the disciples had been following Jesus for three and one-half years, we find that they were slow to comprehend or to believe that He was going away. On this particular occasion, we find the disciples, in verse 37 of this same chapter, were greatly troubled and even terrified as Jesus appeared in their midst. Jesus then showed them His hands and feet, (His nailed scarred hands and feet), to convince them that it was not a spirit (ghost) they were looking upon, but Jesus Himself. Yet for all that, it seems they were not fully convinced, for we read in verse 41, "And while they believed NOT for joy, and wondered, He said unto them, Have ye here any meat? Is not this just like a lot of God's people today—Slow to believe—Slow to comprehend! Sad to say, many who profess to believe the Bible are rejecting certain portions which do not appeal to natural reasonings. The disciples gave Jesus a piece of fish and of an honeycomb after He had asked them if they had any meat; and He ate the fish and honeycomb before them, and then tells them in verse 44, ". . . that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning Me." It was at this point of His dealing with the disciples that "He opened their understanding".

As we look upon God's people in general and also the ministry, we find that a similar condition prevails today. We must admit that in much of the preaching today

there is a lack of the "Power of God". This was not Paul's method, for we hear him say in 1 Corinthians 2:4, 5 "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." I fear that Pentecostalism has drifted into and is relying upon an entertaining program rather than on the Power of the Holy Ghost. We need to allow the Lord Jesus to OPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING even as He did for the disciples.

We will never understand the scriptures with the natural mind, nor can we ever expect the preaching of the word to be effectual without the Power of the Spirit. Paul declares in Ephesians 2:14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." Thus we see that man is in need of something more than his own ability to comprehend or understand the word of God. Listen to Paul again in this same chapter of Ephesians, verses 9-11, "But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." Surely we must agree that the "things of God" here mentioned would in

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clude the scriptures which Jesus spake of when He said, "that they might understand the Scriptures" in Luke 24:45, at the time "He opened their understanding". The Psalmist was conscious of the need of this great necessity as he cries out in Psalm 119:18, "Open Thou mine eyes, (eyes of understanding) that I may behold wonderous things out of Thy law." Again in verse 34 he exclaims, "Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law; (word) yea, I shall ob-

serve it with my whole heart." Perhaps no one knew better the need of this great necessity than Paul. He writes to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:7, "Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things." Listen again to Paul as he prays for the saints and faithful brethren at Colosse in Colossians 1:9, "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." Paul also

prays for "the faithful in Christ Jesus" at Ephesus in Ephesians 1:17-19, "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give unto you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power." Then again in this same Epistle, chapter 5:17-18, Paul exhorts them as follows: "Wherefore be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."

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Better be a poor man and a rich Christian than a rich man and a poor Christian.

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